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In re Application of :  
Kyung-geon, Lee, et al. :  
Application No. 10/630,774 :  
Filed: July 31, 2003 :  
For: INFORMATION STORAGE MEDIUM AND :  
METHOD OF RECORDING AND/OR :  
REPRODUCING WITH RESPECT TO THE MEDIUM :

DECISION ON PETITION TO  
MAKE SPECIAL

This is a decision on the Response to Denial of Petition to Make Special filed March 24, 2004 which is being treated as a request for reconsideration of the petition decision mailed on March 19, 2004.

The petition under Manual of Patent Examination Procedure §708.02, VIII, must:

- (1) be filed prior to receiving any examination by the examiner,
- (2) be accompanied by the required fee- \$130,
- (3) the claims should be directed to a single invention (if it is determined that the claims pertain to more than one invention, then applicant will have to make an election without traverse or forfeit accelerated examination status),
- (4) state that a pre-examination search was made, and fully discuss the search method employed, such as classes and subclasses searched, publications, Chemical abstracts, patents, etc. A search made by a foreign patent office satisfies this requirement,
- (5) be accompanied by a copy of each of the references most closely related to the subject matter encompassed by the claims if said references are not already of record,
- (6) fully discuss the references, pointing out with the particularity required by 37 C.F.R. §1.111 (b) and (c), how the claimed subject matter is patentable over the references.

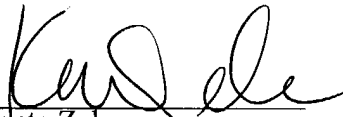
The response submitted March 24, 2004 provides a copy of a date-stamped postcard which evidences receipt by the USPTO of each of the references submitted with the original petition filed on July 31, 2003. Furthermore, a review of the electronic images for the file finds that the images of all of the cited references filed with the original petition are now of record. Therefore, it is presumed that all of the references were originally submitted, but some were lost or misplaced from the file. The Office sincerely apologizes for the inconvenience to applicant. The petition is deemed to meet the requirements set forth above.

Accordingly, the petition is **GRANTED**.

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Decision on petition

The application will retain its special status throughout its entire prosecution, including any appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences, subject only to diligent prosecution by the applicant. The application is being forwarded to the examiner for expedited action in its turn.



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